

## **Portland Harbor Superfund Site Collaborative Group June 9 Collaborative Group Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

**Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

***With optional activities during 4:30 – 5:00 and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.***

***(v. 8-24-2021)***

June 9<sup>th</sup> marked the second gathering of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site (PHSS or Site) Collaborative Group (Collaborative). The Collaborative is led by Collaborative members and co-convened by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on a quarterly basis. The Collaborative meeting was held as an online only event and took place from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with optional activities between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. It was divided into sections as follows:

- ☐ *\*Optional\* Informal Meet & Greet*
- ☐ **Opening, Agenda & Introductions**
- ☐ **Shared Group Agreements Part 1**
- ☐ **Storytelling, Community Member's Narrative and Connection to the Portland Harbor**
- ☐ **Presentation, Considerations for Cleanup Design & Challenges at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site**
- ☐ *\*Optional\* Virtual Breakout Rooms*

### **Opening**

#### **Disclaimer on Recording**

The Facilitator provided the following disclaimer before recording the meeting:

- Please be aware that when you join the Zoom meeting, your name and/or video may be displayed to other meeting participants, those watching via the YouTube livestream, and captured in the meeting recording. The meeting sections will be recorded and posted to the [Portland Harbor Collaborative Group YouTube Page](#). By joining the Zoom meeting, you are consenting to the recording and dissemination of the recording as noted above. If you would prefer not to share your name and/or video, please email [phcollaborative@triangleassociates.com](mailto:phcollaborative@triangleassociates.com).

#### **Welcome**

The Facilitator welcomed Collaborative members, presenters, and those observing via YouTube to the meeting. They provided an overview of the Collaborative Group model via a graphic, explained the roles of Collaborative members, the co-conveners EPA and DEQ, and observers/public.

The Facilitator announced that the Collaborative is always accepting new members and to email [phcollaborative@triangleassociates.com](mailto:phcollaborative@triangleassociates.com) if interested in joining.

## Opening Remarks

The Facilitator introduced Davis Washines/Yellowash, Government Relations Liaison, Yakama Nation, DNR - Fisheries, Superfund Section, to provide opening remarks to all Collaborative members and observers/public.

Davis/Yellowash shared that June 9 is an important day for the Yakama Nation as it marks the commemoration of the 166<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of 1855. He shared about his lineage along the river, his connection to the river, and the importance of coming together for the land and the water.

## Agenda, Materials, and Introductions

The Facilitator provided an overview of the following:

- **Zoom & YouTube Livestream Logistics:** Reviewed the logistics of using the Zoom platform for members and YouTube livestream platform for observers/public.
- **Agenda & Materials:** Reviewed the agenda for the meeting and provided instructions on how to access the meeting materials on the shared OneDrive folder. The final agenda and full materials packet are [available online](#).

## Introductions

The Facilitator led a round of introductions for Collaborative members. Returning members were asked to share their name and affiliation in the chat. New members were asked to verbally introduce themselves and share 1) their name/affiliation, and 2) their motivation or passion for being a member of the group. Please see Attachment A at the end of this document for a list of meeting attendees.

## Shared Group Agreements: Part 1

The Facilitator introduced the purpose behind Shared Group Agreements and explained how the members of the Steering Committee worked on the draft agreements following the March Collaborative meeting. The seven proposed agreements can be found in the materials packet [online](#).

Collaborative members were divided into five small groups to provide feedback and offer additions/edits to the agreements. Small group facilitators captured members' thoughts on an online tool called Mural. Please see Attachment B at the end of this document to view the Mural board or [click here to view online](#).

The Facilitator shared that the Steering Committee members will incorporate the feedback received and the group will strive to adopt the Shared Group Agreements at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Collaborative Meeting.

## Storytelling: Community Member's Narrative and Connection to Portland Harbor

The Facilitator provided background regarding the Storytelling segment of the meeting. This will be a recurring segment in Collaborative meetings where Collaborative members share a story about their connection to the Willamette River and the Site.

The Facilitator introduced Sarah Taylor, the Braided Rivers Campaign (BRC) and the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG), and Mamelang Memela, BRC and the Portland Harbor Community Coalition (PHCC). They both shared personal stories about their connection to the Site and then Collaborative members had a chance to offer appreciations and say thank you to Sarah and Mamelang. Their stories are available to [view online](#).

### **Presentation: Considerations for Cleanup Design & Challenges at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site**

The Facilitator introduced Paul Fuglevand, Dalton, Olmstead and Fuglevand Inc. Paul briefly spoke to his background in engineering, remedial design, and experience with Superfund sites and sediment clean ups and remediation.

His presentation covered four main themes, including:

- 1. Earthquakes and Emergency Preparedness:** Paul reviewed EPA's guidance for earthquake events including local and regional faults and design parameters that are then used for modeling at the site. He explained how caps over contaminated sediment are designed.
- 2. From Core Samples to a Dredge Plan:** When cores are collected, they are sent to labs for testing and a Depth of Contamination (DOC) report is conducted. DOCs are foundational for a dredge plan because it indicates the depth of the sediment to be removed. DOCs are mapped, additional coring is done, and this informs the final dredge plan.
- 3. Remedial Design (RD) Process at 30% Design:** Paul defined preliminary 30% RD.
- 4. What does 'done' mean?:** There are three phases EPA conducts to monitor after the dredging occurs. The three phases are construction monitoring, performance monitoring, and remedial action objective (ROA) monitoring.

The Facilitator welcomed Collaborative members to ask Paul questions for the Q&A portion of the presentation. The full presentation is [available to view online](#).

### **Wrap Up and Reminders**

The Facilitator concluded the meeting by thanking presenters, Collaborative members and observers/public for their participation and thoughtful questions. The Facilitator reminded participants of important meeting dates, including **the next quarterly Collaborative Group meeting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

*The meeting officially adjourned at 7:00 pm.*

The Facilitator explained to observers/public the logistics of joining the Zoom platform to participate in the *optional* breakout rooms.

### **\*Optional\* Virtual Breakout Rooms**

The three breakout rooms offered were focused on the following topics:

- **Collaborative Group Q&A and General Site Updates** with Lucila Gambino (Triangle), Caleb Shaffer (EPA), and Sarah Greenfield (DEQ)
- **Considerations for Cleanup Design & Challenges at the PHSS Continued** with Paul Fuglevand (Presenter) and Annie Kilburg Smith (Triangle)
- **Portland Harbor StoryMap** with Pauline Mogilvesky (Triangle)

*The optional breakout rooms portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.*

## **Attachment A: Collaborative Meeting Attendees**

### **Collaborative Members**

*Alexander Lopez, Portland Harbor Community Coalition*  
*Aron Gray, NW Carpenters*  
*Beth Appert, Multnomah County*  
*Bob Sallinger, Audobon Society of Portland*  
*Cassie Cohen, Portland Harbor Community Coalition*  
*Courtney Fultineer, Oregon Health Authority*  
*Darise Weller, Linnton Neighborhood Association*  
*Debbie Aiona, League of Women Voters*  
*Doug Larson, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group*  
*Elizabeth Kennedy Wong, Port of Portland*  
*Erin Cooper*  
*Jessica Rojas, Portland NE Neighborhood Association*  
*Jessica Terlikowski, City of Portland*  
*Jim McKenna, State of Oregon*  
*(b) (6) Sellwood Resident*  
*Katy Weil, Metro*  
*Laura Feldman, Occupy St. Johns*  
*Mamelang Memela, Portland Harbor Community Coalition and Braided Rivers Campaign*  
*Marion McNamara, League of Women Voters*  
*Mark Whitcomb, Willamette River Advocacy Group*  
*Mary Jaron Kelly, North Portland Neighborhood Services*  
*Mat Cusma, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc*  
*Michael Pouncil, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group*  
*Ranfis Villatoro, Blue Green Alliance*  
*Sarah Taylor, Braided Rivers Campaign and Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group*  
*Tom Karwaki, University Park Neighborhood Association*

### **EPA**

*Caleb Shaffer, Portland Harbor Team Lead*  
*Laura Knudsen, Community Involvement Coordinator*  
*Madi Novak, Remedial Project Manager*  
*Benjamin Leake, Remedial Project Manager*  
*Richard Francis, Remedial Project Manager*  
*Hunter Young, Remedial Project Manager*  
*Eva DeMaria, Remedial Project Manager*

### **DEQ**

*Sarah Greenfield, In-Water Coordinator*  
*Dave Lacey, Source Control Coordinator*

### **Triangle**

*Annie Kilburg Smith, Director*  
*Lucila Gambino, Project Associate*  
*Mishu Pham-Whipple, Associate*  
*Pauline Mogilvesky, Project Associate*

## Attachment B: Mural board from small group discussion

### Proposed Shared Group Agreements

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#### Portland Harbor Collaborative Group

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- 1. Participate!** Be present and recognize there are many ways of participating.
- 2. Listen to understand, not to respond.** Even if you do not agree.
- 3. Cultivate a brave space.** Encourage dialogue, celebrate difference, lean into discomfort, and hold each person accountable to do the work of sharing lived experiences and thinking critically.
- 4. Be mindful of systems of oppression that affect everyone.** Have awareness of your social group memberships/identities (race, class, gender, dis/ability status, etc.) and how this impacts you and others to participate and share space.
- 5. Take space, make space.** *More talkative people:* Be mindful and make space for others. *Listeners:* Take space as your contributions are very welcome.
- 6. Address the idea, not the person.** Treat each other with respect and dignity.
- 7. Have regular check-ins with each other and the facilitation team.** Help stick to schedule and on agenda or negotiate alternative timeframes to discuss. This will encourage cohesion and building rapport among the group.

